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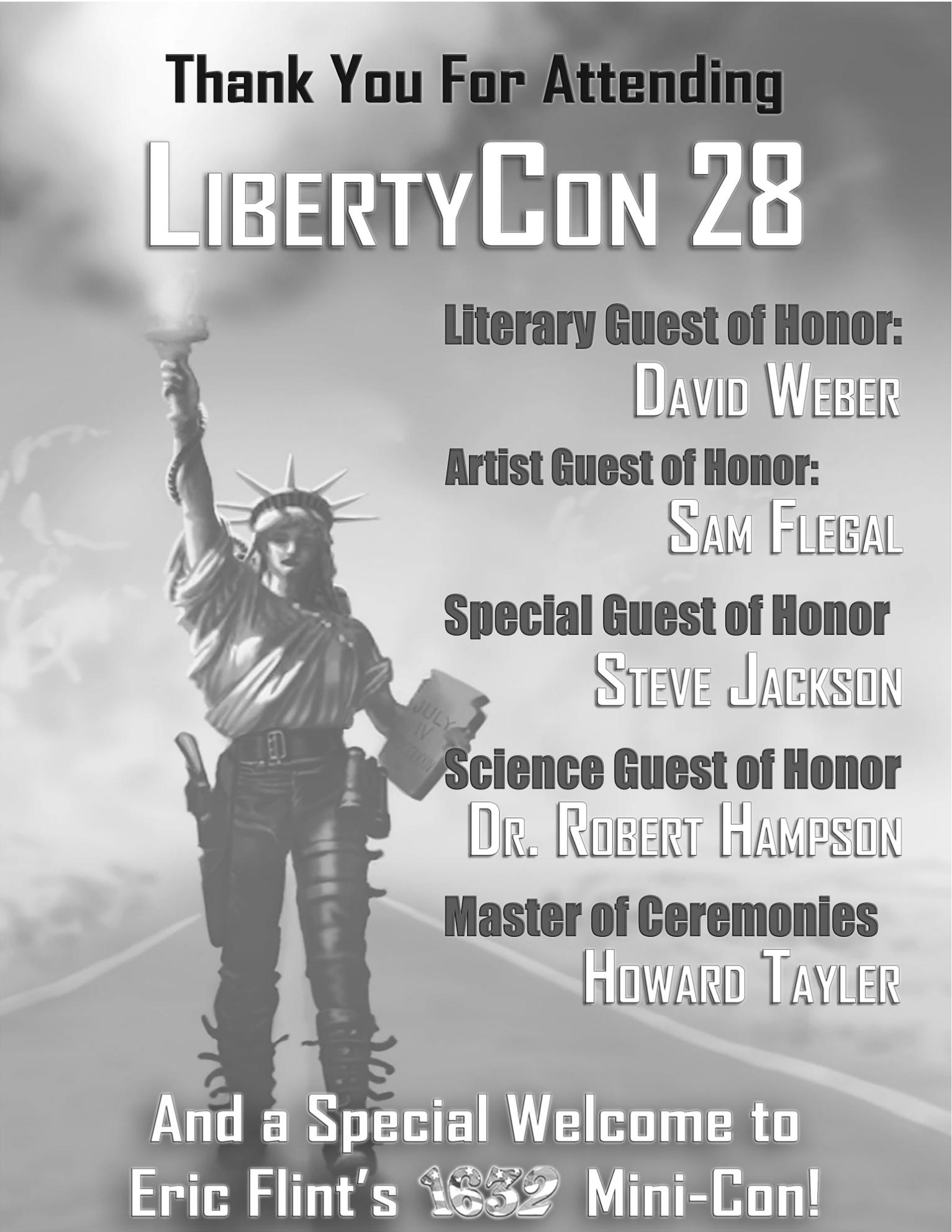
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# WELCOME TO LIBERTYCON 28!

## BY BRANDY BOLGEO SPRAKER, CHAIRMAN

Hello everyone! As I sit here writing this LibertyCon is sold out, which is quite surreal when I actually have the time to think about it. As most of you know, LC is a limited attendance convention. We cap at 700 since we, by charter, cannot go above 750 paid. Why is that? Well, the 700 is because we know that there will be SNAFUs. What many people don't know is that since we are small, each and every one of our staff members pay full price, as well as most of our professionals who are bringing you the fantastic programming events that you go to each year. So these folks are PAYING to work and bring you fantastic programming events. As for the 750 maximum, we LOVE, LOVE, LOVE what we do at LC. The thing that we love most is that this is like a family reunion and when you get more people, it's harder and harder to keep that 'personal touch' that LC is famous for. We are simple folks who love science fiction and everything associated with it. Nothing more, nothing less. And when you have something that works so well, why mess with it???

This year we have yet another embarrassment of riches! With over two hundred programming events, there is definitely something for everyone! So it will be chaos... beautiful, beautiful chaos. And speaking of which, as you all know the Choo Choo is right in the middle of hotel renovations. When finished, the almost \$9M renovation is going to take this historic structure to the next level of fantastic. Some of it is already done, such as the gorgeous new room that used to be the Centennial Theatre lobby. Some of it is not finished yet, such as all of the room renovations. When the renovations began last year, it was estimated that all of Building One would be renovated and two floors of Building Three by the time our convention rolled around. Well, as with most projects of this size, plans have changed and delays have occurred. Right now we are told that approximately 30% of Building One will be renovated and that Building Three will not begin until winter. But not to fret, we are still going to have a fantastic weekend! With the sale of Building Two and the loss of that pool, we are changing the party area to Building One to have a "Party Alley" and a fun gathering place of tables and chairs in the roped off parking lot that is adjacent to that same party alley. It's going to be FABULOUS! So your patience with all of the changes is very, very appreciated. The hotel staff continues to bend over backwards to help us as changes occur. We could not ask for a better hotel to work with, so please let them know what a good job that they are doing.

Every year LibertyCon picks a local charity that provides valuable services to our community to be our "Charity of Choice". This year that choice is the Bethel Bible Village. Bethel is an organization that has spent over sixty years helping local children and young people through times of crisis and need. They provide a safe and nurturing temporary home for children of families in crisis. Bethel is not your typical "consultation" organization. Instead they offer a safe and stable environment where the children can live on average between nine and twelve months! Their operating costs are almost completely supported by local individuals and organizations and LibertyCon is proud to help! As every year, we will have donated charity items for sale in the Art Show. While many of these items will be sold as part of a silent auction, the bigger items and those with a certain number of bids will be in our Art Auction, so make sure to be there!

For most of you, when you arrive at the Choo Choo, your first stop after getting your room will be the Badge Pickup (formerly called the Registration) tables. Say hello to the staff there and give them a big hug as they try to get through the seven hundred badges quickly. And as you get your badge, don't forget to look at (and buy) the t-shirt created by our Artist Guest of Honor, Sam Flegal. It is awesome!

I mentioned the amazing amount of programming just a moment ago. We have over one hundred and twenty professionals who participate in programming events over the areas of literature, art, science, and other types of fun! I can't even begin to list the awesomeness that is going to occur, so please take a look at everything that we have to choose from using either the pocket program or the LibertyCon App.

As far as the Art Show, you are in for a treat! Both 2D and 3D artwork will be on display from such amazing artists as our AGoH Sam Flegal and many, many others. Come with your credit card in hand!

The ConSuite is, as always, a dangerous place to be if you are on a diet. Vonn and her staff always makes sure that you always have something for you to nosh on. This year, the New Penn Station (right next to the old one) will be where you can get your food and drinks to take to our new outdoor seating area right outside of party alley. There will be food and beer galore, as well as our annual summer ice cream social. Pull up a chair and enjoy the company!

Our Huckster Room will be chocked full of goodies for you to purchase... from leather goods to of course books (because what would LibertyCon be without books??) you will find many things to tempt you and drain your wallet. And remember that the Huckster Room is also host to our author autograph sessions, so keep an eye on the schedule. You don't want to miss these guys!

And last but not least, a big LibertyCon welcome to the 1632 mini-con! Eric Flint and his crew have an alternative history extravaganza in store for all of you fans out there. With so many 1632 authors in attendance, this is truly an event not to miss for all of us who love this universe!

As you can see, there really is something for everyone this weekend. And none of it would be possible without our wonderful staff. Each and every one of these people pay the same membership that you do to come and work to make this a fun and relaxing weekend. When you see someone with a staff badge, please thank them.

Now let the games begin!!!!



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(AKA: THE THINGS WE HAVE TO TELL YOU)

**ATTENDEES 17 YEARS OLD AND UNDER:** All convention attendees who are 17 years of age or younger must be accompanied by a LEGAL GUARDIAN. A Legal Guardian is a person 21 years of age or older who will take financial and legal responsibility for the minor and will sign for each minor person for which he/she is responsible. A parent or Legal Guardian must accompany children under 7 years of age at all times.

**BADGES:** Badges must be worn in plain sight above the waist at all times.

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**DRINKING AGE:** To get a drinking badge you must produce a VALID military ID or Drivers License with your picture on it to prove that you are at least 21 years of age. Minors caught drinking at LibertyCon will be hung, drawn, quartered, and thrown out of the convention. Also, ***WE WILL CONTACT YOUR PARENTS AND YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO FUTURE LIBERTYCONS!***

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**GRILLS & OUTDOOR COOKING:** No grills are allowed on the hotel premises. The hotel has informed us that this violates their insurance policy. We have a wonderful hotel and would like to keep our great relationship with them.

**EJECTION FROM THE CONVENTION:** If you are ejected from LibertyCon because of violation of the convention rules or Tennessee State Law, your attendance fees will not be refunded.

**LOST BADGE POLICY:** If you lose your badge at the convention, you will have to purchase another one at the full admission price of \$50. We are sorry to take this rough stance, but incidents with people (Not Fans) purchasing a replacement badge to give/sell to a friend at a reduced price only increases the cost of the convention for real fans and this is the only way we can curb it.

**SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS:** If you have a medical condition, please ask the registration staff for a sticker for the back of your badge. This sticker should contain the nature of your medical condition and any special steps to be taken in an emergency, including the name and phone number of the person to contact should the need arise.

**WEAPONS POLICY:** All weapons and models of weapons must be “Peace Bonded” by one of our security staff before they may be worn with your costume or normal wearing apparel. This weapons policy will be strictly enforced.

**ATTIRE:** We at LibertyCon love costumes! However three strategically placed seashells does not constitute a costume. Please remember that we are a family friendly convention.

***For our complete Rules & Harassment Policy, please check our website at:  
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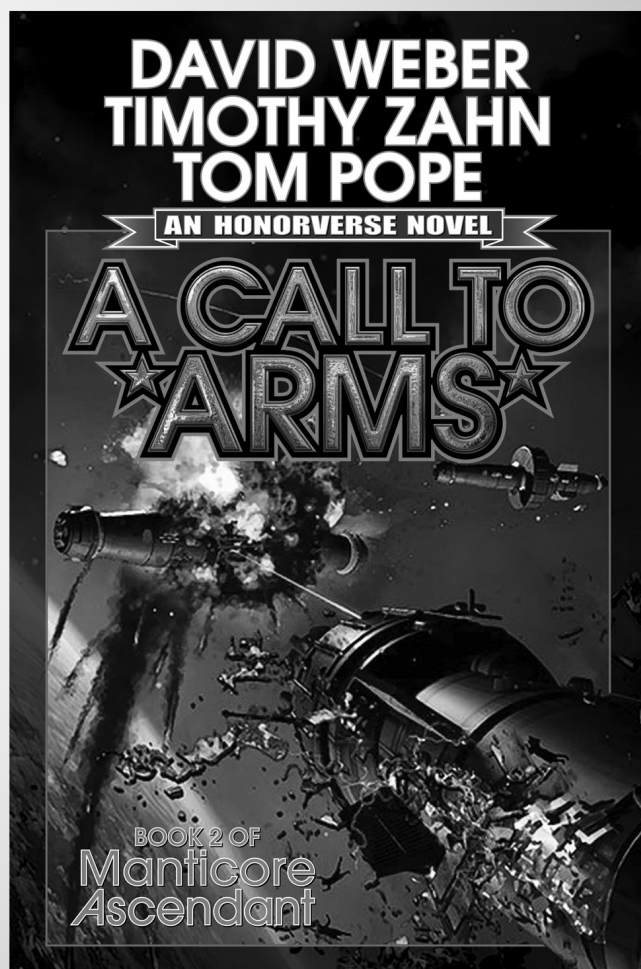
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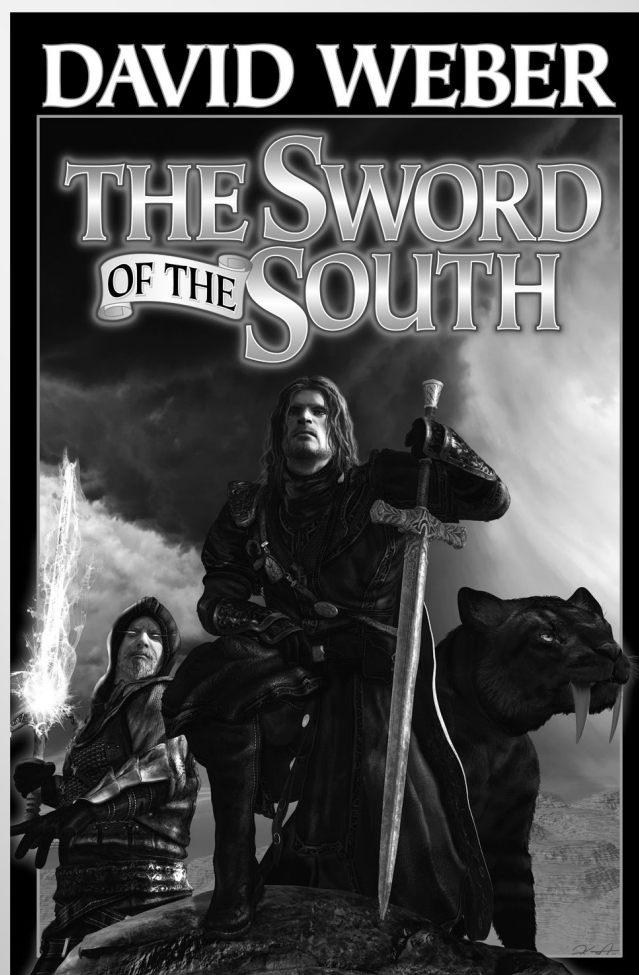
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# DAVID M. WEBER

## LITERARY GUEST OF HONOR



David Weber is one of those larger than life personalities you only get to meet so many of in a lifetime, well, unless are lucky enough to be in the con scene that is. Combine him with his wife Sharon and you have a pair that just seems to attract incredible people all around them like moths to a flame.

I first found David by picking up a book with a cool cover (of course it was a Baen book, it HAD to have a cool cover) called “Ashes of Victory,” which happened to be in the middle of the Honor Harrington series at the time. To David’s credit I was able to pick the series up there having never read the earlier books. From there I branched out into his myriad other series, of which there are ten, which he has either written on his own or

co-written with such authors as Steve White, Eric Flint, John Ringo, and more. That does not even count the stand-alone books he has written or the many anthologies he is a part of. Being a published writer for both Baen and Tor since 1990 does tend to help one have a lot to choose from to read, especially given David’s output of several projects a year.

Books are not the only thing that David has among his accomplishments. Several of his works have been turned into tabletop strategy games in the form of “Starfire” and the “Saganami Island Tactical Simulator.” His “Honor Harrington” series is currently in the early process of being turned into a movie and recently had its own comic books and graphic novel as well as a young adult prequel series. “Honor Harrington” even has an official fan club called “The Royal Manticoran Navy” with members worldwide!

I first got to actually meet David and Sharon in March of 2014 at the comic book signing he held at Richard’s Comics and Collectables in Greenville, SC. I had been chatting with Sharon online and found out that the signing was only 5 hours from my house, almost a straight shot down the highway. Needless to say I and a very good friend went on a road trip that weekend. Not sure what to expect, we entered the store and upon introducing ourselves were immediately pulled into a hug by Sharon who was still recovering from some surgery at the time. Nervous to meet someone whom I admired, I admitted that to Sharon and, in what I learned to be her usual inimitable fashion, she pulled me and my friend up to where David was sitting and proceeded to make introductions as if we had known each other for years. Thus began a wonderful friendship!

As for a story...well I was given the opportunity to interview David last year for another convention’s YouTube channel. This was the first time I had been down to his and Sharon’s house and the first time in many years I had interviewed an author, especially one as famous as David is! To say I was nervous was an understatement but David and Sharon quickly made me feel at home. Interviewing David was a treat as he answered all of the questions I could come up with both before and spur of the moment. What was funny about the interview is that on the video there is about a half hour gap of nothing but audio. I had two cameras and an audio recorder set up for recording but the cameras each had a two hour limit on them due to their memory. David out interviewed them and only my audio recorder was able to capture the entire interview!

David can be found online in his forums at [www.davidweber.net](http://www.davidweber.net) when he isn’t busy writing, or playing with his kids, or cooking an awesome meal!

*-Gerry Martin*

# SAM FLEGAL

## ARTIST GUEST OF HONOR

I first met Sam when we were both studying Graphic Design in college. Because we both loved to draw, we chose a major related to art; and even though our school did not have a very strong Illustration program, it did offer three distinct career paths: Fine Arts (starving artists!), Computer Animation (long, lonely hours in dark rooms!), or Graphic Design (instant gratification!). So, after much deliberation, we chose Graphic Design because we naively thought that this was the only way to have a lucrative career in art.

Thankfully, our rigorous art program required us to take several traditional media classes like Drawing, Sculpting and Painting, which demanded a huge chunk of our first two years of school. These two years were vital because it gave Sam a solid base for his artistic future.



I don't know how many hours we spent in the art department, painting and drawing still lifes (or each other), while balancing a healthy gaming hobby on the side, but we made it work. Especially Sam. I don't know how he did it. In addition to completing his art and regular school assignments, Sam was involved in several gaming groups: Dungeons & Dragons, Warhammer Fantasy, Warhammer 40k, HeroClix, Vampire: The Masquerade, Lord of the Rings, Star Wars, and countless others. Sam even dipped his toe in a little boffer LARP action for a few months.

While he was officially in school for art, Sam was also inadvertently getting an education in the gaming industry. Little did we know this "education" would come in handy in the future! There were several moments at conventions where Sam would geek out over game products with art directors, and BAM! He'd get hired because he knew the ins and outs of their intellectual property. Never underestimate your love for games!

Fast forward 10 or so years: Sam is definitely NOT a graphic designer anymore (though I still am!) but instead illustrates for various game companies; he is pursuing his love of Norse mythology through his paintings; and he is helping other fantasy artists connect through One Fantastic Week, a weekly web show he cohosts. The only downside to his busy schedule is that he rarely plays games anymore. Well, maybe every now and then, when he's teaching our 5-year-old daughter how to play HeroClix. She's inherited her father's love of games, thank goodness. And she sometimes beats him, too!

*-Loraine Posadas Flegal*

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# DR ROBERT HAMPSON

## SCIENCE GUEST OF HONOR



This year's Science Guest of Honor is known to many by his various personalities such as, Speaker to Lab Animals, Tedd Roberts or Dr. Robert Hampson. Dr. Hampson claims he was born to wonderful parents, grew up in Texas, attended university then went on to grad school. He is a Professor at the Wake Forest School of Medicine where his research focuses on the hippocampus and cannabinoids. While his history since he entered university was confirmed, there have been some suspicions about his origins before that. It has been suspected that Speaker was genetically created in a growth vat and raised by hyper-intelligent rats to study and understand the human brain with an eye towards world domination.

Speaker, Tedd, and Dr. Hampson are all authors. Dr. Hampson has authored over 100 peer reviewed articles, has reviewed for 30 journals, two foundations, and four federal agencies and has been the editor of a prominent neuroscience journal. Tedd has penned essays for [baen.com](http://baen.com), and been nominated for a Hugo for his "Why the Science is Never Settled (Pts 1 & 2)" as well as maintaining a blog that regularly discusses neuroscience. Speaker is the least prodigious writer of the three and is primarily known for his distribution plans for viruses and vaccines that he insists don't exist and that the plans are a purely theoretical exercise.

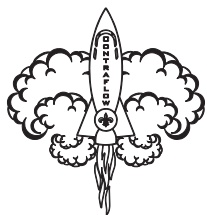
All of Speaker's personalities are known for their eagerness to educate others. For example, Speaker has hosted numerous educational Scotch tastings at conventions in an attempt to improve the palate of his friends. Dr. Hampson has served as a consultant for numerous authors on matters pharmaceutical, biological, and neurological. Tedd educates others through his previously mentioned essays and blog. Among all of these endeavors he has also mentored numerous young minds through his involvement with the Boy Scouts of America and by offering advice to up and coming researchers and grad students.

Speaker and Dr. Hampson are both known for their research, and due to this Speaker has been suspected to be one of the most likely causes of any future zombie apocalypse... whether it would be because of a lab "accident" or because his curiosity on its effectiveness is still hotly debated. Simultaneously, Dr. Hampson has been considered to be one of the most likely to find a cure for any zombie apocalypse, although some suspect he already has one waiting "just in case". In either (or both) cases it is suspected that Tedd will provide expert commentary.

Known for his high level of productivity and involvement in many activities, some suspect that Dr. Hampson (or Speaker) has either cloned himself, or developed a treatment allowing him to no longer require sleep. Tedd unhappy with his low level of productiveness (compared to the other personalities not normal humans) recently started writing short stories and YA novels. Amongst his three busy lives he found time to marry and help raise two sons, study Krav Maga, continue to play trombone in a brass octet, and be an active member of his church.

With all that goes on in his life, it's no wonder he rarely seems to slow down, even when he's a Science Guest of Honor!

*-Cathe Smith*



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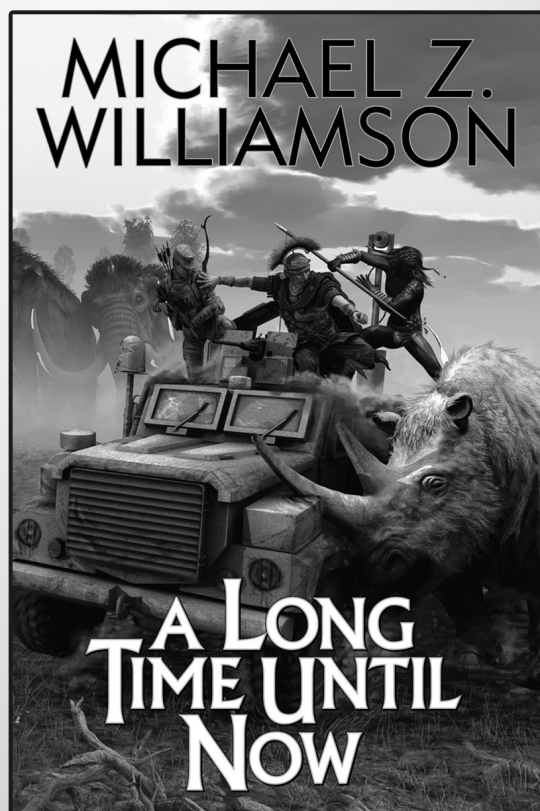


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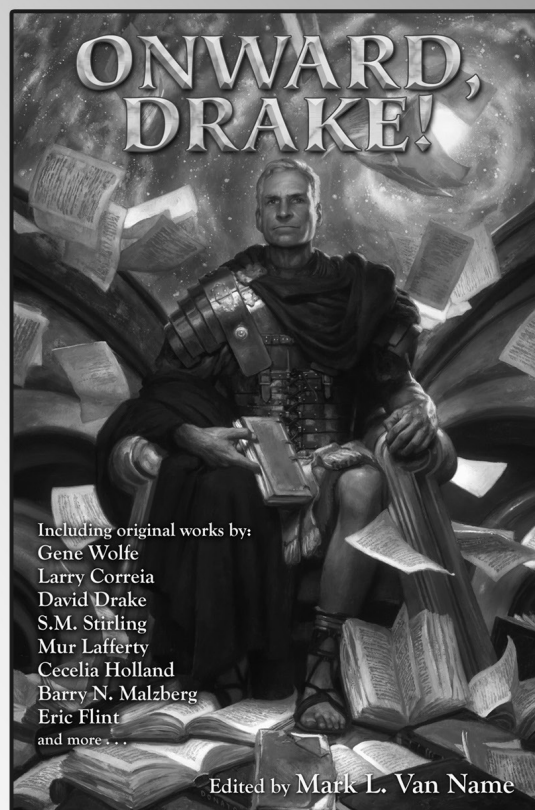


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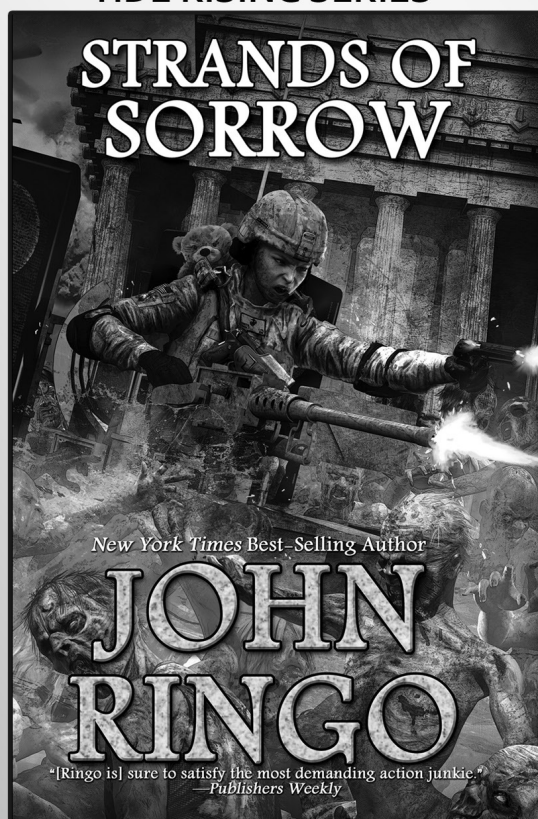
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# STEVE JACKSON

## SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOR

I blame the Illuminati. But then, doesn't everyone?

I first "met" Steve Jackson about twenty years ago, during the **Illuminati: New World Order** craze. I'd created a fan page for the game, using some of the artwork, and I emailed him to ask permission to tweak the required legalese just a little bit. It amused him, so he said yes.

That's Steve in a nutshell: if he likes it, he does it. So far, that's been working out pretty well.

Steve abandoned law school almost forty years ago to make games. His first design was **Ogre**, in 1977 – a folded map, a few rules, and a couple of sheets of cut-apart tokens that sold for \$2.95.

Thirty-five years later, his company Kickstarted a super-deluxe edition that weighed twenty-eight pounds and raised close to a million dollars. It had better pieces, bigger maps... but at its heart, it's the same timeless design. That's the quality of work that got him into the Origins Hall of Fame before he'd finished his first decade as a game designer.

Everybody seems to have their own favorite Steve Jackson game – **Car Wars**, **Illuminati**, **Munchkin**, **GURPS** – but at the heart of it, there's one man with a penchant for terrible jokes, bursting with offbeat ideas and steadily releasing them into the world. He started his own company thirty-five years ago this year, and it's still running strong. Oh, there have been complications along the way – a certain Secret Service raid that resulted in the formation of the EFF comes to mind – but Steve always finds a way to come out on top.

You see, he's always experimenting. One year he's printing a new version of the **Principia Discordia**. The next thing you know, he's turning first-person shooters into a board game, or introducing the Church of the SubGenius into **Illuminati**, or turning a card game about hack-and-slash fantasy adventure into high-seas antics with pirates and sharks. ("Shark! Shark! Shark!") If there's an idea he won't consider, I haven't found it yet.

I first met Steve Jackson – in person, this time – about six and a half years ago. He was here in Chattanooga for another convention, and I was a volunteer demo guy there as support. Now I work for him, maintaining the website and occasionally pitching my own crazy ideas. I met one of my best friends through the demo team program, too. It's the best job I've ever had.

Thanks, Steve.

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– Robert "Rev. Bob" Hood

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# HOWARD TAYLER

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

### The official Howard Tayler bio:

Howard Tayler is the writer and illustrator behind Schlock Mercenary, the Hugo-nominated science fiction comic strip. He also co-hosts the Hugo and Parsec award-winning “[Writing Excuses](#)” podcast, a weekly ‘cast for genre-fiction writers, with Mary Robinette Kowal, Brandon Sanderson, and Dan Wells. They collaborated together to create the Shadows Beneath anthology.

His most recent project is the Planet Mercenary RPG. Planet Mercenary is set in the universe of the Schlock Mercenary comic. You can find the comic online at [schlock-mercenary.com](http://schlock-mercenary.com)

Howard lives in Orem, Utah with his wife Sandra, their four children, and one ungrateful, archetypally imperious cat.

### /Official bio

And that’s the official story. What it leaves out is more numerous than what it leaves in. For example, did you know that besides continuously delivering Schlock Mercenary on a daily basis, without fail, for decades, Howard Tayler has also cured cancer, created a warp drive, written all of Bill Shakespeare’s plays under a pseudonym and is secretly John Lennon (who faked his death to start a webcomic)?

Okay, so some of that is slight hyperbole. But it’s true that Howard has been continuously producing Schlock Mercenary on a daily basis since June of 2000. As well as doing a weekly podcast, creating an RPG and still somehow maintaining a good relationship with his family. The term here is ‘hopeless workaholic’. Or, just possibly, it’s a Napoleonic complex from being able to work in a teacup. And I’m not talking about the ones at Disney World.

The thing to love about Howard’s Magnum Opus, Schlock Mercenary, is that it really gets space. I’m about to crib from myself here but space is vast and neat and huge and in Schlock Mercenary you get that impression of amazing scale. And the characters, with a few moments and exceptions, shrug that off and just plow right through in some amazingly hilarious ways. (Seriously, who would be stupid enough to hire a group of mercenaries to guard a theme park or a mall?) Not to mention they are, well, mercenaries. Their sole ambition in life is to break things, kill sophonts and get paid. Or as is once pointed out in Schlock’s case: Kill it, eat it, make friends with it or take a bath.

On a personal level, Howard is one of those great guests who genuinely enjoys hanging out with fans. He’s also a fun guy, super intelligent, great conversationalist, one of those people I really wish lived close enough to spend quality time with. Ditto for his wife, Sandra, who is unfortunately not making the con. We only seem to briefly interact at conventions which is a real shame. On the other hand, it’s not like he has all the time in the world and I wouldn’t want to get in the way of my daily dose of Schlock.

So if you’re wandering around the con, keep an eye out for a guy who looks quite a bit like his character Kevin Andreysan. Or, you know, Tyler Vernon from Troy Rising.

He’s a handsome man and a powerful one as well, but you’ll generally have to get on your knees to look him in the eye.

-John Ringo



# ALSO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THESE GUYS

Here are some of the other pros scheduled to attend LibertyCon 28 as of printing  
***Authors tagged (1632) have written in Eric Flint's shared 1632 Universe***

**Atlanta Radio Theater Company:** ARTC is a professional troupe that brings "new old-time radio", complete with lush soundscapes, stirring music, and original stories guaranteed to remind you that...There is Adventure in Sound!

**Jonathan David Baird:** Jonathan David Baird has worked as an archaeologist for the past 15 years. He has master's degrees in English literature and American History from Fort Hays State University. He is also editor and a major contributor to NukeMars.com and has written for and edited several anthologies.

**Glenn Baggott:** Glenn lives in Mount Juliet, TN with his wife Janet, sons Conlin and Chris. He works at West Wilson Utility as a grade IV operator. He opened for Rod Stewart with the Nashville Pipe and Drums. He reads urban fantasy, fantasy, and SF. Volunteers at church and teaches Sunday School.

**Scott W. Baker:** Scott W. Baker writes science fiction stories, a few of which have appeared in Escape Pod, Daily Science Fiction, the Writers of the Future anthology, and other great places. He enjoys donuts, time travel, and long walks in low gravity. He lives in Tennessee with his daughter.

**Griffin Barber (1632):** A veteran police officer, Griffin Barber is also a lifelong Speculative Fiction fan and avid gamer. He's had several shorts published in the Grantville Gazette and penned a well-received novella for RSI's website called: A Separate Law. 1636: Mission to the Mughals, co-authored with Eric Flint, is forthcoming. <http://therantinggriffin.blogspot.com>

**Jeff Barnes:** Jeff Barnes is a lead safety engineer for the FAA. He is a regular contributor to the *Sha'Daa Tales of the Apocalypse* shared universe anthology. And if he looks familiar, it is because he has a regular in Chattanooga fandom since ChattaCon 3!

**Jim Beall:** Jim Beall (BS-Math, MBA, PE) has been a nuclear engineer for 40+ years, a wargamer for 50+, and an avid reader of science fiction for even longer. Experience: operations (nuclear officer USN), design (Duke Power), construction (United Engineers & Constructors), inspection (USNRC), and energy policy (USNRC Commissioner Reactors Assistant).

**Michael Bielaczyc:** Michael Bielaczyc has been making art his whole life. In fact, he doesn't spend much time not creating new things. He is a founder and lead make up FX artist at Aradani Studios, creating masks and appliances for people all across the world. He is also a painter, designer and writer. See his work at [michael-bielaczyc.com](http://michael-bielaczyc.com)

**Paul Bielaczyc:** Chesley Award winning artist Paul Bielaczyc co-owns Aradani Studios with his brother Mike, a costuming and art company founded in 2002. Based in Nashville, they travel mostly in the Southeast United States, to various conventions and Renn Faires, selling (in their words) "our art, and our ears".

**Rick Boatright (1632):** Rick Boatright has been the "tech guy" for the 1632 series since 2001. He's published in the hardcover Grantville Gazettes as well as the E-Zine. Rick's common activities at cons feature his "Weird Tech" presentation, which he insists has nothing to do with steampunk. Outside of the SF universe, Rick is a partner in a small software development firm.

**Richard T. Bolgeo:** "Uncle Timmy" Bolgeo is the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of LibertyCon. A retired Electrical Engineer from TVA, he is a Rebel Award Winner, Pundit and Editor-in-Chief of the weekly Ezine "The Revenge of Hump Day!" He was Fan GOH at MidSouthCon 32.

**Walt Boyes (1632):** By day, Walt Boyes is an award-winning journalist, analyst and authority on manufacturing and automation. By night, he is the Bananaslug of Baen's bar and writes science fiction, fantasy, and alternate history. A Grantville Gazette Editorial Board member, he is writing a 1632 novel with Eric Flint and Rick Boatright, and the 1632 Companion with his wife, Joy Ward.

**Susan Brady:** A self-professed jack-of-all-trades, Susan Brady has been involved with the Make It and Take It since LibertyCon 4. MITI originally began as a mask workshop, but has expanded a bit into bags, fairy wings, and basically anything your imagination can create! So bring that imagination, we'll provide all the sparkles, feathers and crafty bits!

**Brett Brooks:** Brett has written comics for both Dark Horse and Techno Comics, as well as working on White Wolf's *World of Darkness RPG*. He also published the cult-favorite RPG *Xcrawl* and the kid-friendly RPG *Meddling Kids*. His most recent ventures include the fantasy novel series *The Champions of Elan*.

**Eric S. Brown (1632):** Eric S Brown is the author of around 70 novels/novellas including the *Bigfoot War* series and the *Kaiju Apocalypse* series (with Jason Cordova) among others. He sold over 500 short stories in the small press and beyond including markets like *The Grantville Gazette*, *The Onward*, *Drake* anthology from Baen, and was the first fiction writer to be published by *Walmart World Magazine*. The first book of his *Bigfoot War* series was adapted into a feature film by Origin Releasing in 2014.

**Robert Buettner:** Robert Buettner's *Orphanage*, 2004 Quill Award nominee for Best SF/Fantasy/Horror novel, was called the Post-9/11 generation's *Starship Troopers*. Baen released his eighth novel, *Balance Point*, in March, 2011. A former intelligence officer, paleontologist, and lawyer, Robert lives in Georgia with his family and more bicycles than a grown up needs.

**David L. Burkhead:** Indianapolis writer David L. Burkhead has recently ventured into self publishing with the electronic releases of his novel *Survival Test* and novelettes *Live to Tell*, *EMT*, and others. He has previously published stories in various markets. He is a physicist working in Atomic Force Microscopy and surface science.

**Paul Cagle:** Paul Cagle is the host of the *Ænigma Project* radio show and the administrative co-ordinator for the South Eastern Paranormal Society located in Chattanooga, TN. His first novel, *Shadow Born*, is now available on Amazon. You can find about *Shadow Born* at [www.shadow-borne.com](http://www.shadow-borne.com).



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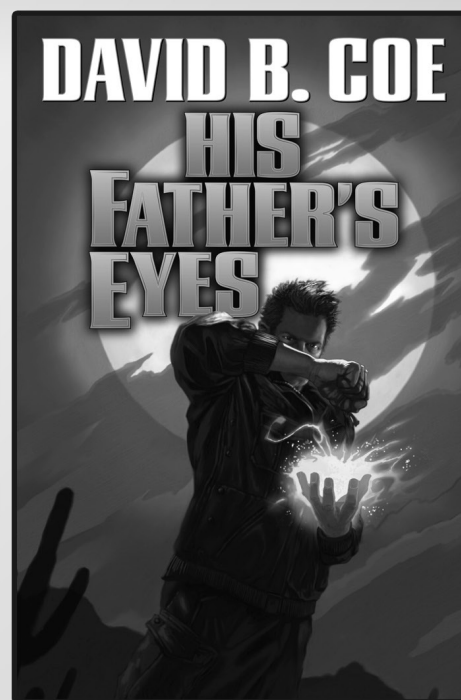
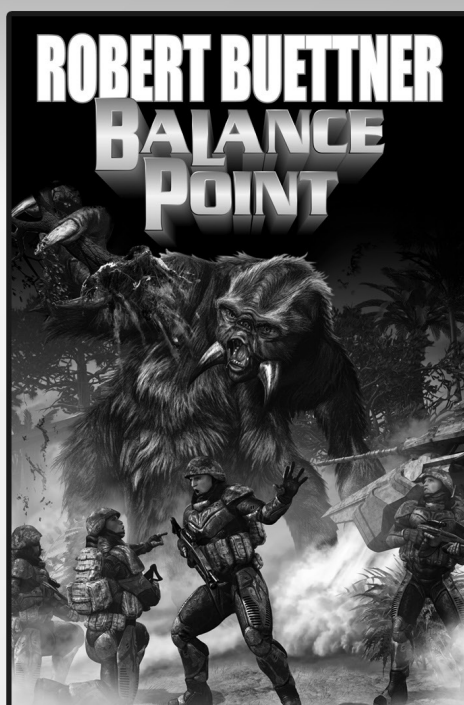
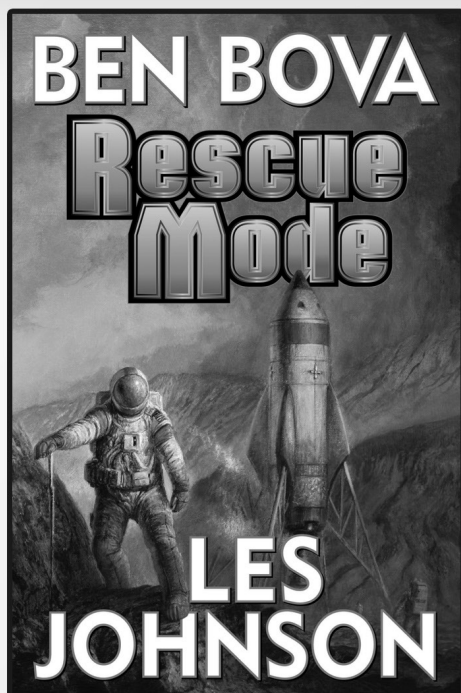
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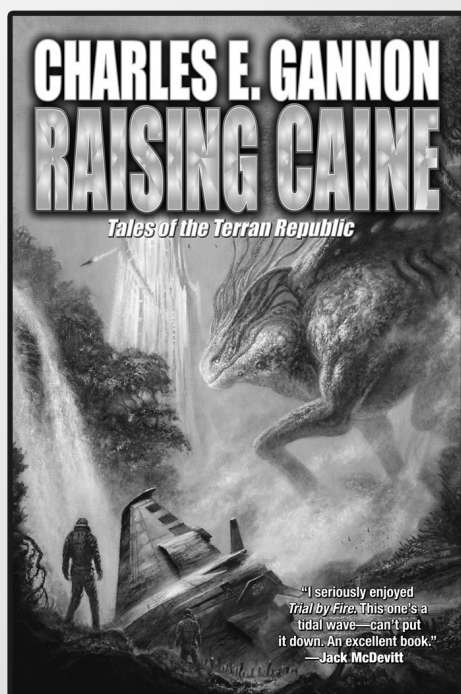
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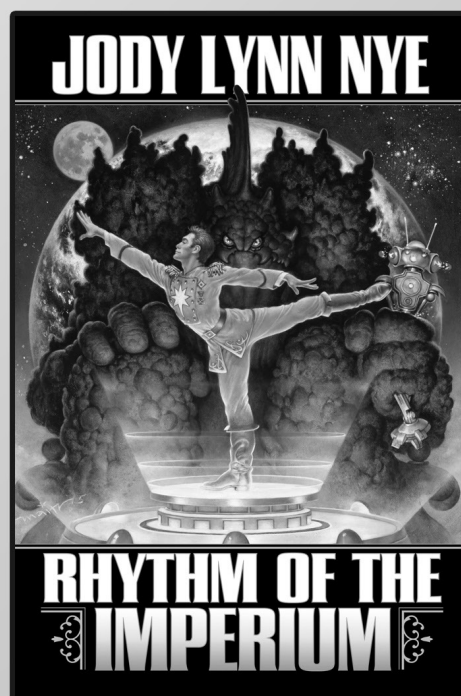
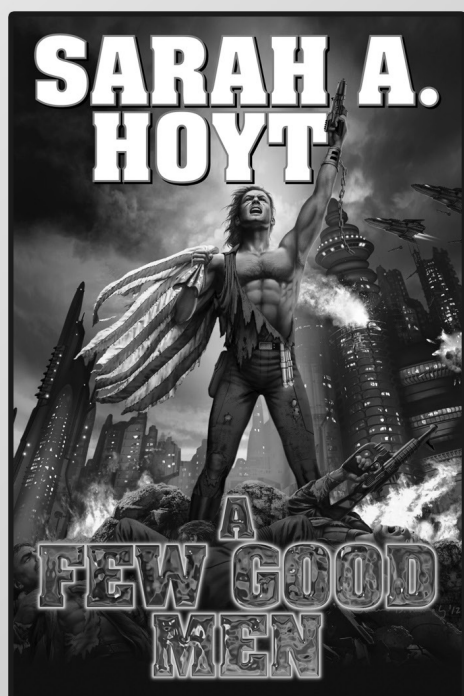
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**David Carrico (1632):** David Carrico has been an avid SF reader since discovering the books of Andre Norton in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He made his first professional sale in 2004. His most recent works are *1635: Music and Murder* and *1636: The Devil's Opera* (co-written with Eric Flint) from Baen Books.

**Sabrina Chase:** Sabrina Chase is a software test developer, writer, and recovering physicist residing in the Pacific Northwest. She usually describes her writing style as "two-fisted tales of space adventure" (*The Scent of Metal*, the Sequoyah trilogy) but has also committed fantasy (*The Last Mage Guardian*, *FireHearted*). Her latest book is gaslamp fantasy *The Dragonhunters*.

**Stephen Euin Cobb:** Stephen Euin Cobb is an author, futurist and host of the award-winning podcast *The Future And You*. A contributing editor for *Space and Time Magazine*, he's been a regular contributor for *Robot*, *H+*, *Grim Couture* and *Port Iris* magazines, and for 3 years was a columnist and contributing editor for *Jim Baen's Universe Magazine*.

**Julie Cochrane:** Julie Cochrane has been writing stories since age five. She has three novels co-authored with John Ringo in his *Legacy of the Aldenata* series, by Baen Books, and a story in *Rogues in Hell*, by Perseid. Her background includes psychology, chemistry, IT, and martial arts.

**David B. Coe/D.B. Jackson:** David is the award-winning author of seventeen fantasy novels. As D.B. Jackson he writes the *Thieftaker Chronicles*, a blend of urban fantasy, mystery, and historical fiction. As David B. Coe he writes the *Case Files of Justis Fearsson*, an urban fantasy published by Baen.

**A.R. Cook:** A.R. Cook is the author of *The Scholar and Sphinx* YA series, "...an exciting journey filled with magic, mystery and mythological creatures." Born in Chicago, A.R. now lives in Gainesville, Georgia. She recently released the second installment in the series, *The Fang of Fenrir*, to rave reviews.

**Iver Cooper (1632):** Iver P. Cooper has been an active contributor to Eric Flint's 1632 shared universe, with over 20 short stories and over 40 articles published so far in the online *Grantville Gazette* (some to be reprinted in Ring of Fire Press ebooks), and another short story in the hardcover anthology *Ring of Fire II*.

**Jason Cordova:** Author Jason Cordova's first solo novel, *Corruptor*, was published in November of 2010 by Twilight Times Books. A former teacher and military veteran, he has circled the globe at least once. He currently resides in Virginia and is the "International Ambassador of the Kaiju Awareness Foundation". His web site can be found at: <http://www.jasoncordova.com>

**Doug Dandridge:** Doug Dandridge has over twenty books online, including the Amazon Best Selling series *Exodus: Empires at War*. He lives in Tallahassee, Florida, the hottest place on Earth, and is constantly writing. Doug is a US Army and Guard veteran (Infantry) and is a military history buff in his spare time.

**K. S. Daniels:** Kimberly's current projects include the third installment of the Valkyrie Trilogy and various short stories. Her first novel, *The Valkyrie Profiles*, was a quarter finalist for Amazon's Breakthrough Novel Award in 2013 and the second novel, *Flight of the Valkyries* debuted in May of 2014 to much fanfare.

**Anna Kathryn Davis:** Anna Kathryn Davis is a young-adult fiction author from Birmingham, Alabama. Her first novel, *The Gifted*, released in Spring of 2013 and its sequel, *The Claimed*, released in early 2015. For more information on Anna and the series, visit her website [AnnaKathrynDavis.net](http://AnnaKathrynDavis.net).

**Ben Davis:** Dr. Ben Davis holds a Ph.D. in Nuclear Physics and an M.S. in Nuclear Astrophysics from the University of Notre Dame. He is a former college professor of mathematics, programming, astronomy and physics. He has a successful career in software development and engineering. His interests include history, futurism and skepticism.

**Virginia DeMarce (1632):** Virginia DeMarce retired as a professional historian in 2004. She had already started writing in Eric Flint's 1632 series, to which she has contributed co-writing for three novels along with a solo volume of stories, *The Tangled Web*, as well as RoF anthology and *Grantville Gazette* stories.

**Ernest Dempsey:** Ernest Dempsey is an inspirational blogger and author of up-tempo action/adventure thrillers, as well as the cutting edge science fiction *Dream Rider* series. You can find his books and read his blog posts at <http://ernestdempsey.net> or follow him on twitter @ErnDempsey.

**Kevin Dockery:** Kevin Dockery has written or contributed to 39 books, numerous magazine articles, and appears on PBS, the History Channel, Discovery Channel, and Military Channel. His additional work has been with weapons, as a gunsmith, consultant, or in the U.S. Military. He holds a patent on a round of 40mm ammunition.

**David Drake:** Dave Drake was drafted out of Duke Law School and became an interrogator in Vietnam and Cambodia. He returned to finish school and to practice for eight years while he wrote fiction to control his anger. Since 1981 he has been a full-time writer. He has stayed out of jail.

**Donna G. Driver:** D. G. Driver is the author of the fantasy novel *Cry of the Sea* and the novella *Passing Notes*, both published by Melange Books. She also has a story in the pirate anthology *A Tall Ship, A Star, and Plunder* from Dark Oak Press. Learn more: [www.dgdriver.com](http://www.dgdriver.com)

**Karen Evans (1632):** Karen Evans been writing SF/F with her husband for almost 10 years, and enjoying the roller-coaster. When not writing, she enjoys crocheting, embroidery, and other busy-hand activities. She lives in New Mexico with her husband, a dog and a variable number of cats.

**Kevin Evans (1632):** Kevin H Evans has been writing since 2006; other interests include vintage locomotive restorations, hot air ballooning, SCA combat, gunsmithing, tool and die making.

**Kacey Ezell:** Captain Kacey Ezell is an active duty USAF instructor pilot with 2000+ hours in the UH-1N Huey and 212 combat hours flying the Mi-171 in Iraq. When not teaching young pilots to beat the air into submission, she writes sci-fi/fantasy/horror fiction. She is married with two daughters.

**Bill Fawcett:** Bill Fawcett has been writing and editing SF since his years at Mayfair Games in the early 80s. He has edited over 40 Science Fiction anthologies, co-authored the *Mycroft Holmes* and *Madame Vernet* mystery novels, edited two oral histories of the US Navy SEALs and a number of books on Mistakes in History. He is also a board and computer game designer.

**Jack Finley:** It has been said that Jack Finley can be reasonably entertaining under just the right circumstances. Samples of just the right circumstances can be obtained in the *Rogues in Hell*, *Dreamers in Hell* and *Poets in Hell* volumes of Janet and Chris Morris' revived *Heroes in Hell* series, and the horror anthology *Terror by Gaslight* by Iron Clad Press.

**Eric Flint (1632):** Eric Flint is the co-author of 3 NYT bestsellers in his Ring of Fire alternate history series. His first novel for Baen, *Mother of Demons*, was picked by Science Fiction Chronicle as a best novel of the year. A longtime labor union activist with a Masters Degree in history, he currently resides in northwest Indiana with his wife Lucille

**Fritz Fotovich:** In his non-con day job, Fritz is a non-starving artist masquerading as a logistics engineer contracting for the United States Government. He is helping to run Gaming as well as MC'ing LC28's Family Feud and Celebrity Jeopardy events.

**Jonathan French:** Jonathan's love of fiction, folklore and history began when his family relocated to the U.K., where he spent countless childhood hours exploring cathedrals, castle ramparts and old churchyards. The result was *Autumn's Fall Saga*, a critically acclaimed series combining the "fantasy concepts of Beowulf, Prydain, Oz and Masters of the Universe."

**Rick Fridrick:** Rick Fridrick is representing "The Big Bang Life" a group of fellow friends and nerds from the Knoxville area who have a passion for anything and everything nerdy, such as going to conventions, Cosplay, video games, comic books, and sci-fi/fantasy literature and films. Their site is [thebigbanglife.com](http://thebigbanglife.com)

**Mark Fults:** Been busy finishing 'The Veiled Unknown' tarot and two graphic novels, one of which will be displayed at Liberty. Last year the Iron Artist panel inspired me to do a character based on Lady Liberty with a Wonder Woman twist - now she's got chops! My next book *Chattanooga Chills: Scream Louder* is in production and I'll be sharing stories!

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**Melissa Gay:** Melissa Gay's background is like the world of Thundarr the Barbarian-- full of super-science and sorcery. Formerly an illustrator for both scientific and New Age publishers, role-playing games are her true love. Games featuring her art include *The Dresden Files RPG*, *Firefly*, *Trail of Cthulhu*, *Elves of Uteria*, and more.

**Paula Goodlett (1632):** Paula Goodlett is retired from the Air Force and is the editor of the *Grantville Gazette*. She has co-written *1636: The Kremlin Games*, *1636: The Viennese Waltz*, *1637: The Volga Rules* (forthcoming) and *The Alexander Inheritance* (forthcoming) with Eric Flint and Gorg Huff.

**Peter Grant:** Peter Grant was born and raised in South Africa, serving in the military and working in the IT industry and humanitarian concerns before being ordained as a pastor. He immigrated to the USA in 1997, later marrying a pilot from Alaska. They live in Tennessee, where he writes full-time.

**Dorothy Grant:** Dorothy Grant was born to a military family, went to Alaska on a whim and learned to fly before she could drive. She ran into a former South African, and agreed with him that the merger of Northern cold and Southern heat would result in a match made in heaven. She and Peter married in 2010 and settled in Nashville, Tennessee. She is an active partner with her husband in independent publishing.

**Ed Graham:** Ed's a retired Air Force NCO of 24 years who first learned how to home brew from his parents, who learned it from theirs (ad infinitum). He resides in a sleepy farming village in SW Oklahoma with his 1955 Garand and a new, 10 gallon fermentation chamber.

**Amanda Green:** I'm older than 20 and younger than death. I'm a mother, daughter and was a wife. My house is haunted so life can be interesting. Maybe that's why I write science fiction and fantasy (Sam Schall) and urban fantasy (Amanda S. Green). That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

**Richard Groller:** Richard Groller writes fiction and non-fiction. He is co-author of *The Warrior's Edge* and contributing author to *The American Warrior*. He has been published in 5 volumes of the *Heroes in Hell* series; two volumes of *Sha'Daa: Tales of the Apocalypse* series, and the horror anthologies *What Scares the Boogeyman?* and *Terror by Gaslight*.

**Robert Groller:** Robert Groller is software developer for Cox. He recently moved to Atlanta with his girlfriend, Stephanie, and their 2 Siberian forest cats. Robert started brewing in 2009 and has a patent pending hobby game case. When not at craft breweries you will often find him cooking or gaming.

**John Harp:** John Harp is a graduate student at the University of Tennessee Knoxville where he studies bacterial membrane physiology. John spends most of his time reading, drinking coffee, and being married to the prettiest girl at the convention. You can reach him at [jrobertharp@gmail.com](mailto:jrobertharp@gmail.com).

**John Hartness:** John Hartness is the author of *The Black Knight Chronicles* from Bell Bridge Books, a comedic urban fantasy series. He is also the creator of the comic horror *Bubba the Monster Hunter* series, and the creator and co-editor of the *Big Bad* series of horror anthologies from Dark Oak Press and Media. John just launched a new dark fantasy series featuring Quncy Harker, Demon Hunter.

**Bjorn Hasseler (1632):** Bjorn Hasseler found *1632* in a public library and saw it had a nifty cover and that rocketship logo. Then he found the 1632 forums at Baen's Bar and discovered that fans were encouraged to write. He has now had ten stories and a three-part serial published, all set in the 1632 universe and is the assistant editor of the *Grantville Gazette*. He is currently an education coordinator for UMUC.

**Jonna Hayden:** Jonna Hayden is a professional Costume Designer, clothing historian, and long-time SF geek. After many years of hiding in the Science Fiction section of the school library, she found her tribe when she attended Orycon 5. She builds shows for the Opera, Ballet, and anyone else who will pay her.

**Louise Herring-Jones:** Louise Herring-Jones writes speculative and historical fiction, humor and nonfiction. Her stories have appeared in anthologies, most recently in *Dreams of Steam: Vol. 4, Gizmos* (Dark Oak Press/Kerlak Publishing, 2013). She is a veteran reporter for *The Daily Dragon Online*. An advocate for constitutionally protected freedoms, she practices law in Alabama.

**Robby Hilliard:** Robby Hilliard, a native of Chattanooga TN who now resides in Marietta GA, writes horror, science-fiction, and fantasy. His first published short story, "Cold Case", can be found in the *Sha'Daa Shared-Word*, Dark-Fantasy Universe published by Copper Dog Publishing.

**Dan Hollifield:** I run *Aphelion Webzine*, online since 1997, as a writer's workshop freezine. I've made a few pro sales of my writing so far, the biggest being an upcoming collection of my spaceport bar short stories from Dark Oak Press. I have 3 music albums out, and am an Atlanta-area steampunk.

**Bob Hood:** Rev. Bob Hood was recruited into Steve Jackson's [Men In Black](#) in late 2005, after two existing MIBs found him wandering the halls of a convention with a tote bag stuffed with card games. He now maintains the SJ Games website from the darkness of his secluded hilltop cave.

**Jacob Holo:** Jacob Holo is a former-Ohioan, former-Michigander living in sunny South Carolina. He describes himself as a writer, gamer, hobbyist, and engineer. Jacob started writing when his parents bought that "new" IBM 286 desktop back in the 80's. Remember those? He's been writing ever since.

**Gil Hough:** Gil Hough lives in Knoxville, TN. He has done non-violent reconciliation work in Northern Ireland, worked with refugees from Central America and taught English in Torreón, Mexico. He is the author of *The Celestial Paladin* and *The Hellborn Prince* of the Epic Fantasy series *The Order of the Lion*.

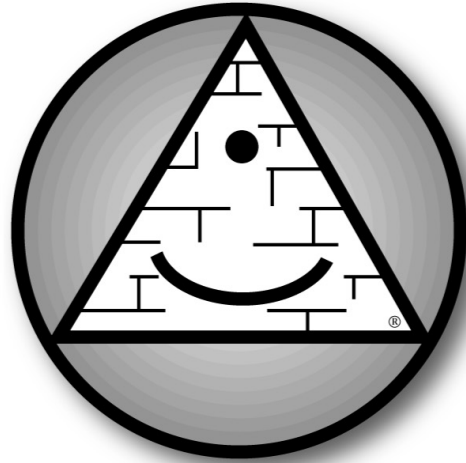
**Daniel M. Hoyt:** Dan has sold stories to such venues as *Analog*, Esther Friesner's suburban fantasy anthologies (*Witch Way to the Mall*, *Strip Mauled*, and *Fangs for the Mammaries*), and Mike Brotherton's NSF-funded online anthology *Diamonds in the Sky*. He has edited 2 anthologies for DAW, *Fate Fantastic* and *Better Off Undead*.

**Robert A. Hoyt:** Robert A. Hoyt was first professionally published at 13 and qualified for SFWA professional status two years later. His novels *Cat's Paw* and *Operation Santa* are indie published. He's also the author of the infamous *Ninja Nun Comics*.

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**Gorg Huff (1632):** Gorg Huff served in the 82nd Airborne between wars, then went to college but didn't get a degree. He is co-author with Eric Flint and Paula Goodlett of *1636: The Kremlin Games*, *1636: The Viennese Waltz*, *1637: The Volga Rules* (forthcoming) and *The Alexander Inheritance* (forthcoming). Also co-author of two other multiverses as yet unpublished or self published.

**Walter H. Hunt (1632):** Walter H. Hunt is a science fiction and historical fiction writer, author of the *Dark Wing Universe* novels, a novel about the Templars, *\_Elements of Mind\_* (a novel about mesmerism), and *1636: The Cardinal Virtues*. He is also the librarian for the Massachusetts Grand Lodge of Masons.

**Daniel "Tatdad" Jean:** Tatdad is an artist, who won the LC25 Art Show Best 3D Award. This year he is teamed up with his daughter Agatha and has brought Freakin Terrific Games to add to the Liberty Con programming events. This year, Freakin Terrific Games has brought: Giant Sized Cthulhu Dice and Giant Sized Zombie Dice.

**Les Johnson:** Les Johnson is a scientist, an author, and the Senior Technical Adviser for NASA's Advanced Concepts Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center. When he's not designing spaceships or dreaming of going to the stars, he's writing science fiction for Baen or popular science books for Springer.

**Carol Johnson:** Carol actively advocates school health for children with special needs. She enjoys all the activities she married into, of Les' diverse space-impassioned endeavors, and reminds this crowd that she fondly recalls her newlywed debut into her very first Con, LibertyCon in 1988.

**Chris Kennedy:** A bestselling Science Fiction/Fantasy author and speaker, Chris Kennedy is a former naval aviator with over 3,000 hours flying attack and reconnaissance aircraft. Chris' full length novels include the *Occupied Seattle* military fiction duology, *The Theogony* and *Codex Regius* science fiction trilogies, and the *War for Dominance* fantasy trilogy.

**Robert Kennedy:** Robert Kennedy is a senior systems engineer working in green energy/econ & geoengineering. He co-founded the Tennessee Valley Interstellar Workshop, worked for the House Subcommittee on Space, published a Soviet space encyclopaedia, and has been published by Russian Academy of Sciences, Heinlein Journal, JBIS, Whole Earth Review, Smithsonian Air & Space, and Acta Astronautica.

**Robert Kroese:** Rob Kroese is the author of several humorous science fiction and fantasy books, including *Mercury Falls*. Hugh Howey called Rob's satirical space opera *Starship Grifters* his "favorite read of 2014." Rob has just signed a contract with Thomas Dunne for a near future sci-fi comedy/thriller titled *The Big Sheep*. He is currently working on *Disillusioned*, the sequel to his humorous fantasy epic *Disenchanted*.

**L. Jagi Lamplighter:** L. Jagi Lamplighter is an author of fantasy and YA. She writes in the fantasy Christian-magic metaphysical-thriller genre, with touches of mystery and humor. Jagi is pronounced J-a-j-E. The L. is silent.

**Dina Leacock:** Diane Arrelle, the pen name of Dina Leacock, has sold more than 150 short stories and 2 books. When not writing she is a senior citizen center director. She resides with her husband, her younger son and her cat on the edge of the Pine Barrens in Southern New Jersey (home of the Jersey Devil).

**Jeremy Levitt:** Jeremy "Cubby's Handler" Levitt is a retired Marine trucker who served in Afghanistan. He is an avid Military Sci-Fi reader and has been voted "Most likely to egg-on the Apocalypse" by his friends. He works as a machinist and lives in East Tennessee with his wife Maggie and service dog Penny.

**Jason "PK" Levine:** Reverend Jason "PK" Levine (Praise "Bob"! ) has been a diehard gamer since he GMed his first RPG at age 12. Now he edits, writes, and produces supplements for Steve Jackson Games, as the Assistant GURPS Line Editor. His latest book is GURPS Mars Attacks, which he'll be demoing here at Liberty-Con.

**D. Alan Lewis:** Chattanooga native, D. Alan Lewis's debut novel, *The Blood in Snowflake Garden* was a 2010 Claymore Award finalist. Alan's other books include, *The Lightning Bolts of Zeus* and *The Bishop of Port Victoria*. He is the editor of *Capes & Clockwork*, the *2 Luna's Children* anthologies, and has published numerous short stories.

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**Terry Maggert:** Terry writes Science Fiction, Horror, and Urban Fantasy because that’s all he absorbed prior to 1987. Since that year, he prefers pie with his books, and he’s just launched his second series, *Banshee*. His *Fearless* series is five books and growing. Husband to a Half-Norwegian, left handed, and a fan of all things oceanic, this is his first visit to LibertyCon.

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**Todd McCaffrey:** Todd Johnson McCaffrey wrote his first science-fiction story when he was twelve. He has written eight books in the Pern universe. Recent works include *The One Tree of Luna (And Other Stories)*, and *City of Angels*. Visit his website at <http://www.toddmccaffrey.org>

**Holly McClure:** Founder of Sullivan Maxx Literary Agency which was recently acquired by Lexium Entertainment & Talent Agency and reorganized as the literary and film division of the company. Holly stayed on as president of that division. She is published internationally in both fiction and nonfiction, writing thrillers, YA, mystery and inspirational.

**Jack McDevitt:** Jack McDevitt has been described by Stephen King as “The logical heir to Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke.” He has written 21 novels. Eleven were Nebula finalists. *Seeker* won in 2007. In 2003, Omega received the Campbell Award for best SF novel. Most recent books: *Starhawk*, and *Coming Home*. He’s been a naval officer, an English teacher, and a customs officer.

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**Gerald W. Page:** Gerald W. Page published his 1st professional SF story in the March 1963 issue of *Analog*. He became a professional editor in 1969, for *TV Guide* magazine. He has also edited *Witchcraft and Sorcery* magazine (formerly *Coven 13*), the Arkham House anthology *Nameless Places*, four volumes of *The Year’s Best Horror Stories* for DAW Books, and also for DAW, *Heroic Fantasy*, co-edited with Hank Reinhardt. These days his fiction appears on the website [www.planetarystories.com](http://www.planetarystories.com), edited by the legendary Shelby Vick.

**David E. Pascoe:** A ne’er-do-well of broad interests and little focus. David is a naval veteran, and is unable to contain his writing to any particular subgenre. He writes space opera, dark fantasy, urban AND rural fantasy, high fantasy, and military SF. For now...

**Beth Patterson:** Beth has been a self-employed musician, songwriter, and recording artist for over two decades, before stepping into the world of fiction writing. She currently resides in the French Quarter of New Orleans, where she partakes of good food, observes the absurd, and attempts to blend in with the shrubbery.

**Mark Paulk:** Mark Paulk is a faculty member at the University of Texas at Dallas. Before UTD, he was with Carnegie Mellon University for nearly 25 years, researching and teaching best practices for software engineering and service management. He is best known for his work on the Capability Maturity Model for Software at the Software Engineering Institute.

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**Martin Powell:** Martin Powell has written hundreds of stories in numerous genres for Disney, Marvel, DC, Dark Horse, Capstone Books, & others, to include such popular characters as Superman, Batman, Popeye the Sailor, and Tarzan of the Apes. Nominated for the Eisner Award for his work with Sherlock Holmes, he is also co-creator/author of the critically-acclaimed *Halloween Legion*, & recently joined the Monsterverse staff as Editorial Director.

**Kevin Pulliam:** Kevin Pulliam is an Engineer with the U.S. Army in Huntsville AL and has earned degrees in both Rocket Science and Helicopter Engineering. He is an occasional volunteer editor at the Internet Science Fiction Database ([isfdb.org](http://isfdb.org)) and has been making beer in his kitchen/garage since 2007.

**Louis Puster:** Louis has been gripped by conflict between practicality and his creative spirit for his entire life. Over the last several years, he has been mostly focused on defeating a dark fantasy series, *The Saga of Ukumog*. It is a battle that may rage for many years to come.

**T.D. Raufson:** Project Manager for most of his childhood, Raufson still looks forward to growing up to be a successful author. He pursues this dream daily with the mostly benevolent voices in his head. Meet those voices in *Legacy of Dragons: Emergence*, or his recently released mid-grade novella *The Queen’s Yeoman*.

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**John Ringo:** New York Times best-selling author John Ringo created the military-SF series *The Posleen Wars*, with over a million copies in print. He is author of *The Council War* SF-adventure saga; contemporary fantasies *Princess of Wands* and *Queen of Wands*; and national best-selling techno-thrillers *The Last Centurion* and the *Ghost* series. New works include the *Troy Rising* series, and *Under a Graveyard Sky*.

**Miriam Ringo:** Tagline - Crazy cat lady with blue hair. Introduction - Daughter of a Baptist minister. Wife of a Science Fiction writer. Love Gothic music. Collect skulls and special needs kitties. Life-long learner. Bragging rights - Married to John Ringo.

**Richard T. Rorabaugh:** Richard T Rorabaugh is a teacher and author. His first book, *BEYOND* is set in the land of Orbis, a place restricted by a taboo of crossing an invisible ocean boundary. Corith, his mentor and ship's crew lose their way at sea and things are not as they were told.

**Robert A. Rosenberg:** Robert A. Rosenberg has been a SciFi fan for over 50 years and has attended Liberty-Con for over 20 years. At conventions, he sheds his mundane identity to turn into his Fan Persona of HAL9001 (named in honor of the original Sentient Computer from the 2001 Book and Movie Series).

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**Cathe Smith:** Cathe Smith completed her Master's Degree in Entomology at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. She has been on various LibertyCon science panels in the past, and is looking forward to meeting other crafting fans at the Sit and Stitch session.

**Chris Smith:** Chris has been involved in the beer industry for sixteen years, and has done everything except brew it. He started DraftTex Draught Services in 2001, maintaining, servicing, and installing equipment for accounts in San Antonio and surrounding areas, as well as national chains such as BJ's Brewhouse, Applebee's, Chili's, and Buffalo Wild Wings.

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**Tom Trumpinski:** Author Tom Trumpinski is a retired teacher (college chemistry) and scientist (built particle detectors for Fermilab). He's currently in two anthologies, *Fae Fatales* and *Allusion of Innocence*, and the on-line pulp magazine *Latchkey Tales #1*. He's been married a lot and has four children ages 42-14. He lives in a old-folks commune in Champaign, Illinois.

**Mark Wandrey:** Hailing from rural Tennessee, Mark Wandrey is a US Customs and logistics expert who just also happens to be a writer specializing in Military Sci-fi and hard Sci-fi. His current series, *Earth Song*, has three books already out with four more to come. Caution, worlds under construction!

**James Ward:** James Ward is a Chattanooga based artist who is well known for putting paint on anything that's not bolted down. You can find his artwork on everything from feathers to floppy disks, to include costuming accessories. James is also an accomplished puppeteer, whose performances will entertain our young (or young at heart) LibertyCon attendees.

**Joy Ward (1632):** Joy Ward has a regular interview column in *Galaxy's Edge Magazine*. Her fiction has been included in several anthologies and the novel *Haint*. She also is the co-author of *Interviews from the Ark*. In her regular life she is a qualitative researcher and writer covering technology. Joy is married to Walt Boyes with whom she shares a canine pack.

**Robert E. Waters (1632):** Robert E Waters has been publishing fiction professionally since 2003. He has sold over 25 stories to various online and print magazines and anthologies, including the online magazine *The Grantville Gazette*, which publishes stories set in Baen Book's alternate history series, *1632/Ring of Fire*. His first novel, *The Wayward Eight*, was recently published by Winged Hussar Publishing.

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**M.B. Weston:** MB. Weston is an award-winning fantasy, pulp; and paranormal author. Her attention to procedure and detail gives her works an authentic, gritty military feel that takes an adventure tale to the level of a true page-turner. Weston is also a radio host for *The Final Cut in Movies* on [tmvcafe.com](http://tmvcafe.com).

**Philip Wohlrab:** Phillip is a serving medic in the Army. He has a combined 11 years of service in 2 services starting in the Coast Guard and continuing in the Army. He has completed 2 tours to Iraq. Today he is an instructor teaching medic re-certification and the disease portion of field sanitation school.

**Michael Z. Williamson:** Michael Z. Williamson is an SF author, military consultant, and Editor at Large for Survivalblog. His novels include the popular *Freehold* universe, and *The Hero* (with John Ringo). He has consulted for productions on Discovery Networks, the Outdoor Channel, and National Geographic. He can be found online at [www.MichaelZWilliamson.com](http://www.MichaelZWilliamson.com)

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**James Young:** James Young is a Missouri native who escaped small town life via service to the Republic. Currently living in the Midwest with his loving, kind, and beautiful spouse, Mr. Young spends his time researching history and plotting new and interesting way to torment characters.

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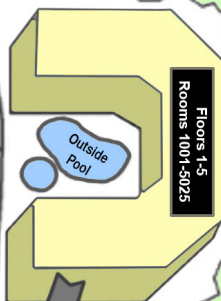
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